

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

On page 24 of the Specification, please replace the as-filed Abstract with the following amended Abstract: In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.72, the abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper, following page 5 of this amendment.

**METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NONWOVEN WEBS, THE COHESION
OF WHICH IS OBTAINED BY MEANS OF FLUID JETS**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

~~The invention concerns a~~ A method for producing a nonwoven web formed at least partly with hydrophilic elementary fibers is provided, which consist in: In one aspect, the method comprises producing by carding a textile layer (10) which is then compressed and moistened; subjecting ~~it~~ the textile layer to a bonding treatment using water jets acting at least against one of its surfaces; and transferring said bonded layer to a unit (32, 33) to be dewatered and dried. ~~Said~~ One aspect of the method is ~~characterised~~ characterized in that, after the bonding treatment (20) with water jets and before drying and delivery, the pre-bonded and moistened layer is transferred to a supplementary unit (28) to be treated by the action of one or several series of water jets, ~~said~~ the unit comprising a mobile suction surface in the form of a drum covered with an open-work structure (30) ~~consisting of~~ comprising a wire-mesh fabric, the wire-mesh fabric comprising successive raised and recessed zones.